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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU PLACES STUDY OF THE UPPER AND LOWER CARS BANDS, 12.7-13.2 AND 17.74-18.142, ON COMMISSION WEBSITE

The International Bureau has placed on the Commission website a study of the upper and lower CARS bands, 12.7-13.2 and 17.64-18.142, that was conducted by the Office of Engineering and Technology ("CARS Band Study"). The CARS Band Study was conducted pursuant to IB Docket No. 98-172, Redesignation of the 17.7-19.7 GHz Frequency Band, Blanket Licensing of Satellite Earth Stations in the 17.2-20.2 GHZ and 27.5-30.0 GHz Frequency Bands, and the Allocation of Additional Spectrum in the 17.3-17.8 GHz and 24.75-25.25 GHz Frequency Bands for Broadcast Satellite-Service Use, Second Order on Reconsideration, 17 FCC Rcd 24, 248 (2002) (18 GHz Second Reconsideration Order). On May 8, 2003, the Independent MultiFamily Communications Council (IMCC) filed a Petition for Reconsideration order (IMCC) Petition).

In its petition, IMCC refers to the CARS Band Study, which was made available to IMCC pursuant to a FOIA request. The Commission is placing the CARS Band Study on the Commission website so that commenters to IMCC's Petition can have access to the study. The CARS Band Study is located at: www.fcc.gov/oet/info/documents.

For further information about the 18 GHz Second Reconsideration Order, the CARS Band Study, and the IMCC Petition contact Breck Blaylock, Deputy Division Chief, Policy Division, International Bureau, 418-1460.